

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Natural Resource Commission
Regular Meeting
December 13, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by John Keshick III, Chairman

Roll Call: Chairman, John Keshick III; Vice-Chairman, Renee Dillard; Treasurer, Frederick Holdorph; Commissioner, Gerald V. Chingwa; and Commissioner, William R. Ortiz.

Absent: None

Vacant: None

NRD Staff: Director, Douglas Craven; Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis; Inland Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima Jr.; Great Lakes Fisheries Biologist, Kevin Donner; Environmental Services Manager, Daugherty Johnson III; Great Lakes Policy Specialist, Caroline Moellering; and Administrative Assistant, Debra Smithkey-Browne;

Absent: None

Guest: James Bransky, LTBB Tribal Attorney; Mindi Beaver, LTBB Tribal Member;

Introduction of newly appointed commissioners: Gerald V. Chingwa and William R. Ortiz.

Open Ceremony – Renee Dillard

Public Comment Opened at 6:04 p.m

Public Comment Closed at 6:07 p.m.

NRC reviewed the Agenda

Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the agenda as amended; Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

NRC reviewed the minutes of November 8, 2017.

Motion made by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; to approve the minutes of November 8, 2017 as presented; Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to enter the phone poll dated November 28, 2017 for the Gun Safe Program Procedures into the record; Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; enter the phone poll dated December 4, 2017 for the MM 1,2,3 (Northern Lake MI) Closure Relief Program into the record; Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; to forgive the remainder of whitefish filets from Paul Barbeau, SSM Fisherman on the LTBB Bay de Noc contract of delivering 1,500 lbs of filets and delivered 400 lbs to LTBB, due to weather; supported by William Ortiz, Commissioner.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

6:19 p.m. James Bransky, LTBB Tribal Attorney;

6:21 p.m. Paul Barbeau departs meeting.

Natural Resource Department Director's Report – Douglas Craven, Director

Motion made by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; to approve the Natural Resource Directors Verbal Report as presented by Douglas Craven, Director; supported by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the Natural Resource Gun Safe Program Procedures amended with the date of February 28, 2018 and to prepare a flyer and submit to LTBB members; supported by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

**Inland Wildlife & Fish Report – Archie Kiogima, Inland Wildlife and Fishery Biologist
Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Program**

Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the Natural Resource Inland Wildlife & Fish Verbal and Written Report as presented by Archie Kiogima, Inland Wildlife & Fisheries Biologist; supported by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer.

1 **5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

2 **Motion Carried**

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4 **Conservation Law Enforcement Report – Kevin Willis, Chief**
5 **Conservation Officer**

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7 **Motion made by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; to approve the**
8 **Natural Resource Conservation Law Enforcement Written and Verbal**
9 **Report as presented by Kevin Willis, Chief; supported by Renee**
10 **Dillard, Vice-Chairman.**

11 **5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

12 **Motion Carried**

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14 **Great Lakes Fishery Report – Kevin Donner, Great Lakes Fishery**
15 **Biologist**

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17 7:32 p.m. Daugherty Johnson II departs meeting.

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19 **Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the**
20 **Natural Resource Great Lakes Fishery Verbal and Written Report as**
21 **presented by Kevin Donner, Great Lakes Fishery Biologist; supported**
22 **by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer.**

23 **5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

24 **Motion Carried**

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26 **Environmental Services Report – Caroline Moellering, Great Lakes**
27 **Policy Specialist**

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29 **Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the**
30 **Natural Resource Environmental Services Written and Verbal Report**
31 **as presented by Caroline Moellering, Great Lakes Policy Specialist;**
32 **supported by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer.**

33 **5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

34 **Motion Carried**

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36 8:22 p.m. break

37 8:38 p.m. meeting reconvened

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39 **Commissioner's Report – Commissioners**

- 40 • CORA meeting update from December 7, 2017.
- 41 ○ Aaron Schubler gave update of the budget
 - 42 ■ Tribes get a set amount, LTBB's request for even divide will
 - 43 never happen.
 - 44 ■ LTBB has been a moving target and they do not know what
 - 45 LTBB wants and LTBB always wanting more and more.
 - 46 ■ Litigation support for Inland funding presented from LTBB,
 - 47 but if not for SSM there would be no funds, no credit to LTBB.

- GTB brought up LTBB possibly not being a part of CORA in 2020;
- ITFAB left and went to CORA;
- Ripley had 2 GLRI grants but CORA went to get grant and hire Ripley;
- The grant \$ was to be reimbursed but that does not happen with those funds, not legal to do that;
- Not construction dollars, program dollars only;
- Suggested putting a motion together for forming a budget committee to present a budget with line items to present in July 2018;
- CORA meeting January 25, 2018, Petoskey, MI, Odawa Hotel
- Commission equipment – laptops new and upgrades.

Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to approve the Natural Resource Commissioner's Verbal Report as presented by Commissioners; supported by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer; to approve commissioner attendance at the CORA meeting on January 25, 2018, Petoskey, MI and receive lodging, stipend, mileage and per diem; supported by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

FYI - MH-1 No Bag Limit for Lake Trout change.

Discussion was held on the Eagle Permit and Eagle Regulations.

- USFW and LTBB has been conversing back and forth for the last couple of years that LTBB keep eagles that are found on the LTBB reservation.
 - There is a need for eagles for tribal members;
 - Ceremonial feathers for tribal members;
 - Would Tribal repository provide non-tribal citizens with feathers if requested for religious reasons;
 - No, must be from a federally recognized tribe;
 - Letter stating LTBB does not support allowing non-Federally recognized tribes to possess eagle feathers.

Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to support letter to Executive on the Eagle Repository; supported by William Ortiz, Commissioner.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Public Comment opened at 9:31 p.m.

1 Public Comment closed at 9:37 p.m.

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3 **Motion made by Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman; to adjourn the**
4 **meeting at 9:38 p.m.; supported by William Ortiz, Commissioner.**

5 **5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant**

6 **Motion Carried**

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8 Next scheduled meeting will be held on January 10, 2017

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Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman

Date